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## VOTE FOR THE WAXMAN AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3925

### Protect Trade Secrets and Federal Tax Dollars

Dear Colleague:

This week, the House is expected to consider H.R. 3925, the "Digital Tech Corps" bill. This legislation allows private employers to send information technology experts to work in federal agencies and allows federal agencies to send information technology experts to work for private employers. While this is a well-intentioned bill, it has two serious flaws.

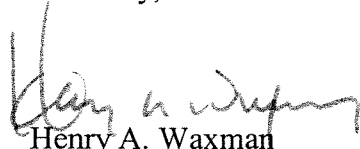
First, the bill allows employees of private companies who are placed in federal agencies to have access to federal databases containing trade secrets of competitors and other nonpublic, commercially valuable information.

Second, the bill allows federal technology experts to work for private companies for up to two years at taxpayer expense without requiring any showing that this is an effective way to train federal workers or use taxpayer dollars.

During floor consideration of this bill, I will offer an amendment to address these flaws. My amendment will ensure that private sector employees who participate in this exchange program do not have access to trade secrets or other nonpublic information that could enrich their private employer. It will also establish a program to improve the training of federal information technology workers. This training program will ensure that any placements of federal employees in private companies make sense in the context of the overall training needs of the federal government's information technology workforce.

I urge you to vote "yes" on this important amendment.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman

Ranking Minority Member